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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2004, once extended from December 28, 2004, to January 28, 2005, by filing of a Petition and payment for extension of time submitted herewith, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

Claims 1-15 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-11 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004-0018445 to Akita et al. ("Akita"). Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Akita as applied to Claims 1-11 and 13-15, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003-0068573 to Takata et al. ("Takata").